Charge That Fine Showing Was at Expense of the

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 15.—That the large profits of the State farm during the past few years, shown by the former penitentiary management, have been at the expense of great deterioration of lands, teams and implements, is the official statement of J. J. Laughinghouse, the new superintendent, chosen by Governor Kitchin to have charge of the prison and farms during his administration. Mr. Laughinghouse has completed an inspection of the Halifax farms, and reports, among other things, that at least 50 of the 160 mules and horses on the farms are from fifteen to twenty-five years old, totally unfit for use on the farms are from fifteen to twenty-five years old, totally unfit for use on the farm. Where plows and teams have to be run abreast to facilitate guarding the convicts; farm implements are antiquated and the place without any labor-saving machinery at all.

It looks like the changes in the officers and employes of the State's prison will be profity complete. The latest change is W. A. Smith, steward, succeeded by T. T. Bernber, of Pollocks-ville. W. A. Davis, or Mecklenburg, who found it impossible to serve as director, has been succeeded by T. J. Renfrow, of Charlotte.

Charters Issued.

The Velvedere Hertford Telephone Company, of Hertford, specifies in its charter, just granted by the State, that it have power to operate telephone lines, steam laundry, sawmills, light and power plants, cotton and woolen mills, cottonseed oit mills, and general woodworking plants. The incorporators are L. W. Norwood, C. W. Gaither and W. G. Gaither. The capitat is only \$1,000.

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An appeal is being made by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham to the corn-growers of the State that particular attention be paid to the crop this year with a view to obtaining the very best results in specimens of cars and amount of yield an acre, to the end that the department may be able to make a creditable exhibit in connection with the National Corn Exposition to be held at Omaha, Neb. December 6 to 18.

Results of Cockfight.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission has been called upon to arbitrate the result of quite a remarkable cockfight, strange as it may seem for this dignified State department of combined judicial and administrative powers to have to do with anything pertaining to such an affair. It comes about in this way. There were shipped recently from Collettsville for North Wilkesboro a coop of twelve fine gamecocks. They were in specially prefered coops, with compartments. It seems that a rough

began, some of the train hands enjoying at least some part of the sight.
Six of the cocks were killed and all
the others were badly damaged. The
owner of the cocks has demanded damages of the express company, which
refuses to pay on the ground that the
fault was in the defective construction of the cops and not in any deroliction of duly by express messengers.
The Corporation Commission is endeavoring to adjust the differences.

WHAT IS LOVE?

FOR THE BEST DEFINITION WE WILL GIVE ABSOLUTELY

Free a \$500 Upright Piano

Read these letters-see what the people say! They were in our "Baby

610 East Leigh St., Dec. 10th, 1909.

The Crafts Piano Co.,
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Gentlemen: It is with pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of the beautiful First Prize, the \$800 Cocilian Piano, offered by you in your "Baby Contest" for the best definition of a baby. It was an agreeable surprise to me when I saw in the Sunday paper that I was the most fortunate amongst the contestants. Of course I am not a musician, but I can play the Cecilian and render music that is sublime. Not only is my entire family enjoying this wonderful instrument, but we have had many friends who have seen and heard Player-Pianos, and they all say that this is the most wonderful of all players, it being so easy to operate.

Let me thank you again for this most truly wonderful gift, also the judges who passed on the definition. I am sure they could not have acted in a fairer manner. Believe me, I am, with best wishes,

Mr. a. Mchiven

Gentlemen: I was much gratified to find that my brief description of a baby was thought worthy of the second prize so generously offered by you for the best definition in the recent contest. yesterday you kindly delivered to me at my home a Henry & S. G. Lindeman Upright Piano in mahogany case, sweet of tone and of superior workmanship, fully complying with the terms of your ad-

pleasure from your girt.

I thank you in the name of my whole family, including my three baby girls. Wishing "The Crafts Piano Company" much success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mrs Haller Hickler

Does it pay to enter a contest? It costs you nothing. You spend a few moments and—you may be the one to secure the \$500 Piano, or one of the other prizes—\$7,510 in all will be given. Write us now, while you think of it! No answer over 25 words. Write your name on a separate slip of paper. A committee of five will render decisions. Contest closes Tuesday, May 25, 1909, 6 p. m. Address, Advertising Department.



214-216 North Fifth Street, Richmond, Virginia.

SOUTH BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SOUTH BOSTON, VA. May 15.—Five hundred people were present to with middle people were present to with middle people were present to with miss the commencement exercises of the South Boston High School, which took place in the auditorium of the mew school building Wednesday evening.

The exercises opened with a selection by the Woodmen of the World Cornet, Band, which furnished music for the occasion. Prayer was offered by Rev. George Peyton Craighill, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church. The salutatory address was made by Henry Yancey Gilliand. The rest of the program follows:

History, by Miss Elizabeth Hobson History.

A Reporter's Experience

School Has Closed.

marking ballots, and that he could also prove the county Democratic County

ommittee.

Mr. Kelly made very direct and drastic charges against the chairman of the Democratic committee of Fauquier county and the committee at large. His sweeping charges have caused a sensation.

Killed Under Train.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BROOKNEAL VA., May 15.—Thomas
Jackson. colored, of Halifax county,
met a horrible death here. In attempting to board a rapidly moving train,
his foot slipped and he was thrown in
front of the whoels. Both legs were
out off and he was otherwise horribly
mangled. He lived only a few minutes.



Station Carriages in many designs for all year

Latest styles and lowest prices

for quality. Wagons for Laundry, Dry Goods and Business Purposes

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A Sound Business Creed

It's Ours.



We believe that right buying and selling is simply being as fair with each other as we both know how to be-and sharing profits.

We believe that our part is to look to the honesty of the goods we sell you, even more closely than you look when you buy.

To make only promises that we can keep, and, having made them, to keep them at all costs-under all conditions.

To avoid the unreliable. To sell only goods that we can back with our word and our money.

It's easy to live up to that creed with clothes made by

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So there's safety, satisfaction all around.



House Will Overcome Present Disinclination to Run.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—Captain Clifton C. Carter, Coast Artillery Corps, has been releved of duty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Boston, and will visit New York for the purpose of inspecting test laboratories, power plants and technical institutions in that vicinity, after which he will report to the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va., for duty as instructor.

will strike superal months' standing between more very important cases against the Norfolk and Western Rall.

The Republicans would rather win Virginia than any other State. They would consider such a victory the greatest step forward they could make. Therefore, the interest of Mr. Taft and the members of his official family in the coming election is not considered unnatural.

The general impression here is that Mr. Gillespie will be forced to take the nomination of his party. The encouragement that he is getting from the White House cannot be ignored.

Comes to Fortress Money.

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Closing Exercises.

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STEVENSVILLED, VA., May 15.—
Stevensville High School closed Friday, with a very creditable entertain-

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